

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A pet rest and recreation apparatus comprising, in combination, an enclosed storage area, wherein said storage area comprises a door and further wherein said storage area is inaccessible to a pet;
a rest space surrounded by sides and supported by and over said storage area; and
steps leading to said rest space, wherein said steps are adjacent to said storage area and include drawers for storage.
2. (Original) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 1 where said rest space is elevated to allow a pet to view outside a window and is located atop said storage area.
3. (Original) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 2 where said storage space is a closet.
4. (Currently amended) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 1 where ~~said rest space is surrounded by sides and~~ said sides comprise handles.
5. (Previously presented) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 1 where said drawers comprise sliding drawers with handles.
6. (Original) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 1 where said rest space includes a mattress pad.
7. (Original) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 1 where said steps and said rest area are covered in carpet.
8. (Currently Amended) A pet rest and recreation apparatus comprising, in combination,

an enclosed closet, wherein said closet comprises a door and further wherein said closet is inaccessible to a pet;

a rest space surrounded by sides and supported by and over the closet wherein said rest space is elevated sufficiently to allow a pet to view outside a window; and

steps leading to said rest space, wherein said steps are adjacent to the closet and comprising drawers for storage.

9. (Currently amended) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 8 where ~~said rest space is surrounded by sides and~~ said sides comprise handles.

10. (Previously presented) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 8 where said drawers comprise sliding drawers with handles.

11. (Original) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 8 where said rest space includes a mattress.

12. (Original) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 8 where said steps and said rest area are covered in carpet.

13. (Canceled) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 8 where said steps are covered in carpet and said rest space includes a mattress.

14. (Currently Amended) A pet rest and recreation apparatus comprising, in combination, a substantially rectangular enclosed storage space having a door and including a pole which horizontally traverses said storage space substantially near a top of said storage space and a door to access said storage space, wherein said storage space is inaccessible to a pet;

a rest area surrounded by sides and supported by and over said storage space, wherein said rest area is elevated sufficiently to allow a pet to view outside a window and further

wherein said rest area further comprises at least three side walls which substantially surround said rest area;

at least one step leading to said rest area, wherein said at least one step further includes a sliding storage drawer with a handle on a visible side of said at least one step.

15. (new) A pet rest and recreation apparatus as in claim 8 where said steps are covered in carpet and said rest space includes a mattress.